



CONGRESSMAN

# Ed Pastor

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**Fourth Congressional District - Arizona**

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## Battling for nation's economic security and safety

Dear Fellow Arizonans:

As the First Session of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress comes to a close, our nation faces many challenges. More people are out of work now than since the Great Depression. The cost of healthcare continues to rise and many are left without coverage. We have brave soldiers serving overseas in combat situations, with deaths and injuries occurring daily. The fiscal condition of our government is at its worst point since the founding of the Republic.

Yet, when I talk with people from the Fourth Congressional District, I am encouraged by America's pride, resilience and dedication to finding solutions. The spirit of our people continues to rise up in hopes of making this a better country for our children and grandchildren.

As your Representative in Washington, I am working to get our economy moving forward, while not passing the burden on to future generations. I am supporting efforts to put our people back to work. I am sponsoring proposals to ensure that our children receive a solid education and stay in school. And, I am calling on the President to find an answer to the predicament in Iraq and bring our soldiers home quickly.

This newsletter outlines some accomplishments of our fellow Arizonans. While there is much to be done, we are making progress.

Sincerely,

Ed Pastor  
Member of Congress

## 2003 health care advocate for Arizona

U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor met with representatives of the Arizona Association of Community Health Centers in August who presented him with the 2003 Community Health Super Hero Award for his support in Congress of health centers and their patients. They also discussed current health issues in Arizona and other federal issues.

Pastor met with, from left to right, Betty Gomez, Joseph Coatsworth and Tara McCollum.



# U.S. citizenship drive effort led by Rep. Pastor, members of Congress

Congressman Ed Pastor was one of numerous members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus who held naturalization workshops in their respective districts this year to encourage eligible legal permanent residents to apply for their U.S. citizenship as part of National Citizenship Day.

More than 300 people were assisted in workshops held in July and September.

The workshops were held by Pastor in coopera-

tion with Chicoreas Per La Causa, Inc., the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and more than 75 volunteers who regularly provide complimentary services in the community.

"For many immigrants, U.S. citizenship is the culmination of a lifelong dream," Pastor said.

The workshops helped ease the application process by providing trained volunteers who assisted participants with the applications and answered questions.

## Encouraging American citizenship



Volunteers gave their time to help legal residents apply for U.S. citizenship in July and September at Rep. Pastor's Citizenship workshop. On the left, volunteers gather applicants' information to fill out forms. Above, Russell Allen, Public Affairs Officer for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, assists a volunteer.



On the left, Rep. Ed Pastor recently met with members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson in Washington to discuss legislation affecting the Hispanic community and the National Citizenship Day effort by the CHC.

# Glendale area named Weed, Seed site

"Weed and Seed is a proven strategy to reduce and prevent crime and will be a positive program for the Glendale residents of Orchard Glen."

- Congressman Ed Pastor

Glendale's Orchard Glen neighborhood is the newest community in the Fourth Congressional District to be designated as a "Weed and Seed" site by the U.S. Department of Justice, Rep. Ed Pastor announced on August 1. The designation makes the neighborhood eligible to apply for grant money to help with crime prevention and community revitalization.

"My office has been an advocate for neighborhoods and improving residents' quality of life," said Pastor, who championed for the Glendale designation with officials in Washington.

Operation "Weed and Seed" is a strategy that incorporates community-based initiatives to focus on crime prevention and neighborhood restoration. With approximately 1,800 residents, the boundaries of Orchard Glen are the area from 19th Avenue west to 51st Avenue and from Maryland Avenue on the south to Glendale Avenue on the north.

Recognition as a "Weed and Seed" site lasts for five years. Capitol Hill and Garfield neighborhoods in the Fourth Congressional District also are designated "Weed and Seed" sites, Pastor said.



Congressman Pastor's Community Liaison Edie Kuebler, center at back row, recently met with residents and local officials of the town of Guadalupe to discuss legislation in Congress addressing the high costs of prescription drugs for seniors.

## Guadalupe community offered mobile office services

Representatives from Congressman Pastor hold mobile office hours from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Guadalupe Senior Center, 7401 S. Avenida del Tirol. More information is available by phoning 602-245-0551.



## Carl Hayden center opens in west Phoenix

Leticia Martinez and Linda Morris, representatives from Congressman Pastor's Office, greeted the Phoenix Sun Gazette and young constituents at the September opening of the Carl Hayden Community Center in west Phoenix. The staff members spoke about services available in the congressional office at the event, which marked the opening of the center that will offer community and recreation services to the area. The center is operated by Citizens For La Casa, Inc.

# Airline workers discuss concerns with Rep. Pastor

Congressman Pastor recently met with employees of Southwest Airlines to discuss issues in Congress affecting the airline industry and community concerns. On the right, Pastor greets Yvonne Torres-Diaz, Phoenix Area Marketing Manager; Ursula Schmidt, Reservations Operations Supervisory; and Edna Russo, Public Relations Specialist.



## District grants

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### Housing, renovation programs in Glendale and Glendale

• \$8.1 million for the city of Phoenix, \$11.4 million for the Arizona Department of Housing, \$5.5 million for Maricopa County, and \$1.7 million for the city of Glendale from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for local housing programs such as construction of affordable housing, block grants, emergency shelters and housing opportunities for persons with AIDS.



• \$179,444 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the town of Glendale for renovations to the Mercado shopping center.

### Homeland Security

• \$11 million from the Department of Homeland Security to the Arizona Division of Emergency Management for an Urban Area Security grant to purchase emergency responder equipment and related planning.

### Homeless Veterans

• \$248,092 from the Department of Labor to the U.S. Veterans Initiative Inc., to provide services in Phoenix to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force.

## Meeting local concerns



Mildred Norman, president of Operation QT, Inc., updates Rep. Pastor on the after school programs that have received federal funding through the program.

## Operation QT helping schools

Operation QT (Quality Time), a nonprofit program that funds after-school programs in Rep. Pastor's district, continues to successfully assist thousands of students and parents in 12 schools in the south and west Valley, the Congressman announced recently.

With Pastor's support in Congress, a total of \$1.4 million has been funded for the programs by the Department of Justice, said Mildred Norman, president of the organization.

"Rep. Pastor doesn't just talk," Norman said. "He cares that he cares about our children and our youth. He knows the value of a good education."

# Phoenix gets \$3 million federal grant for homeland security patrols

## Grants helping programs in Fourth Congressional District

The city of Phoenix will receive a \$3 million federal grant to help pay for local law enforcement expenses resulting from increased overtime budgets due to homeland security patrols and services, U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor, D-Ariz., announced in September.

The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Policing Services (JCPS). It will cover up to 75 percent of the city's total projected overtime costs for homeland security training, increased homeland security patrols, and other activities related to the prevention of violent or drug-related crimes.

"This funding will aid the city in covering costs to help prevent acts of terrorism. Agencies that have lost sworn officers to reserve duty also may use the funding in deploying other officers on an overtime basis to fill those temporary vacancies," Pastor said.

Additional grants have been awarded to the Fourth Congressional District by numerous federal agencies to fund significant programs, Pastor added.

Other recent grants announcements included:

### Law enforcement and courts

- \$2.3 million from the Department of Justice to the Arizona Office of the Governor for the STOP Violence Against Women Program, which continues to encourage the development and implementa-



tion of effective, victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution and court strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development of victim services.

- \$551,648 from the Department of Justice to the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety for a program to enforce underage drinking laws.

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## Pastor named 'Good Guy' by women's organization

The National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC), a grassroots organization, has named U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor one of its 2002 "Good Guys" honorees for demonstrating a commitment to women's equality through his work in Congress.

Rep. Pastor has made women's equality part of his work in many areas, including the struggle for civil rights, said NWPC President Rosalyn O'Connor.

On the left, Pastor is recognized by Cynthia Maden, the Greater Phoenix President of the National Women's Political Caucus, for his record in Congress on women's equality issues.



## Interns, House pages learn about Congress, legislation

University and college students have the opportunity to learn about Congress through internships in Rep. Pastor's Phoenix and Washington offices. Interns learn to assist constituents and community organizations in resolving problems with federal agencies; represent the congressman in the community; and research federal legislation for constituents. In addition, Congressman Pastor periodically has the opportunity to appoint high school students as House pages, who live in Washington for a semester and work on the House floor.

Photographed on the right are Dulce Gonzalez, who was named a House page by Rep. Pastor, and Wendy McGowan, who worked as an intern in Congressman Pastor's Phoenix office during the Summer 2003 semester.



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